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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Brandie Armijo, Sean Bailey, Mitchell Berger, Laura Boyle, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Stacey Burton Dey-Foy, Michelle Hawkins, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Alan Kaplan, Jessica Kronstadt, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Kathy Mann Koepke, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ and Fabienne Santel.

Members Absent: Graciela Jaschek and Bridget Ware.

Staff Present: Karen Thompson

Staff Absent: Mark Hodge, Ellen Segal

Guest: None

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- A motion to approve the March 2017 minutes was made and approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- The next COH meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 401 Hungerford Drive, Conference Room1A/B, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

3.0 Guest Speaker – Chunfu Liu, ScD, Chief Epidemiologist, Montgomery County DHHS

- Dr. Liu introduced himself and provided a summary of his past scope of work in epidemiology.
- The presentation addressed: importance of data in supporting public health, various ways to present data, interpreting findings and good practices for presenting data. See the full presentation for details.

4.0 Public Health Services Chief's Report

- The Chief's Report was made available prior to the meeting for the Commissioners to review.

5.0 School Nutrition Report – Marla Caplon

- MCPS is gearing up for the summer meal program. MCPS plans to expand the summer meal program by 2,000 meals. Last summer, 420,000 meals were served.

6.0 New Business

- A motion was made:
 - A motion was made to approve the Montgomery Cares Letter of Support for funding. The motion was approved unanimously via voiced consent. There were no comments.
- Commissioners were encouraged to sign up to be a liaison to the numerous health-related Montgomery County Boards, Commissions and Committees. A sign-up sheet was circulated for Commissioners.
- The Nominating Committee was formed to assist with selecting officers for FY18. Brandie Armijo and Jessica Kronstadt volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- The Membership Committee was formed to review COH applications and to interview applicants for FY18. Susan Milstein and Sean Bailey volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

7.0 Workgroup Reports

Men's Health

- The group is in the process of reaching out to organizations to find out what other counties/cities have done for men's health.

Health Prevention

- The group had a learning session with Marla Caplon about meals subsidies and food choice selection.
- The group would like to follow up with Chunfu Liu regarding access to BMI for schools.

Health Literacy

- The group discussed health communication and health signage as a health literacy strategy.
- The group has invited Cindy Brach of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to present at the May meeting.

9.0 Motion to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Karen Thompkins
Commission on Health